

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (89-43)

FROM : SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN

DATE: 12/27/67

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS 11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

On 12/27/67, Supv. WILLIAM BRANNIGAN called from the Bureau and referred to various articles appearing in Washington papers, New York Times, New Orleans, etc. concerning GARRISON's press release. He stated that generally the Director had asked questions regarding GARRISON saying that on 11/17/63, LEE HARVEY OSWALD had alerted the FBI that an assassination attempt would be made on President KENNEDY in Dallas on 11/22/63. He stated it was also indicated, particularly in the New York Times, that the FBI sent out a TWX (probably from headquarters) that on 11/22/63, an attempt would be made to assassinate President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Did Dallas send out any such teletype, or did Dallas receive any such teletype? He stated also that the Director had seen something saying that the same thing had happened on 9/17/63. I pointed out to Mr. BRANNIGAN that apparently this was a typographical error on the part of an AP release which we received here, as all the other releases were talking about Nov. 17, 1963, but he stated he wanted the same answers and same checks made as to that date.

In addition, he stated that the New York Times was carrying a story to the effect that GARRISON had stated that one LORAN HALL of California had inside knowledge of the assassination plot on the day that it happened and that he had never been called before the Warren Commission. He stated, however, the New York Times also indicated that LORAN HALL was mentioned in the Warren report and that he had been interviewed by the FBI and told the FBI in September, 1963 that he was in Dallas, Texas soliciting aid for a group against CASTRO of Cuba. The Director wanted to know when did we first talk to HALL.

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ADDENDUM: At 3:45 PM this date, I telephonically advised Mr. WILLIAM BRANNIGAN that the records of the Dallas office do not reflect that we ever received any threat on President KENNEDY's life and that with particular reference to the dates of Sept. 17, 1963 and Nov. 17, 1963, we did not send any teletype to anyone, including the Bureau, in this regard, nor did we receive any such teletype. He stated that a check of the Bureau abstracts reflected one teletype from Dallas on 11/17/63. It had something to do with an unknown subject and a bomb in the Baker Hotel. I checked and found that this was our file 157-302 and this had to do with receiving a call from the Police Department to the effect that someone with the Welcoming Committee for Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama had received a telephone call on 11/17/63 to the effect there might be a bomb in the Baker Hotel tomorrow. I advised him that nothing had come of this, and this had no connection with President KENNEDY's visit.

I also advised him that a check of our records reflected that the first time that LORAN EUGENE HALL was interviewed in connection with the assassination was by SA LEON F. BROWN on 9/16/64 at Johnsondale, California. This interview is reported on page 3 of the report of SA HARRY H. WHIDBEY, Los Angeles, dated 9/25/64. I pointed out to him, however, that I could not exactly say when HALL had first been interviewed by the FBI because our files reflected that he had been talked to in Dallas on 10/17/63 while he was in custody of the local police for possession of drugs, and that he had given some information concerning his connection with a Cuban Revolutionary Council; that we had sent this information by LHM to the Bureau and various other offices by airtel and LHM 10/23/63, and that the Bureau had come back by letter to Kansas City dated 11/6/63 and various other offices, pointing out that HALL was emotionally disturbed and that apparently no further inquiries were warranted other than an indices check requested by Dallas. I pointed out to him, however, that our file reflected that the Bureau had been office of origin in a case styled LOREN EUGENE HALL, [REDACTED] and that our file would not necessarily show exactly when he was first interviewed in this matter.

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"9/17-18/63 matter", Garrison; Loran Eugene Hall

The first paragraph includes "the Director had seen something saying the same thing had happened on 9/17/63." In this case "the same thing" refers to Jim Garrison having said that Oswald "had alerted the FBI that an assassination attempt would be made on President Kennedy in Dallas on 11/22/63."

While there are records indicating considerable FBIHQ interest in a "matter" for which the dates of 9/17 and 9/18/63 are both given, nothing in the Dallas files that have been provided indicates what this matter was. This record indicates that Director Hoover had had something reach his desk relating to it.

(Shanklin's formulation or Supervisor Brannigan's representation of the alleged threat is rather restrictive and eliminates a possible alternative. The language of the memo is "Did Dallas send out any such teletype, or did Dallas receive any such tetetype?" Now if this had not been in reference to "Lee Harvey Oswald had alerted the FBI that an assassination attempt would be made on President Kennedy ..." and if the inquiry had been more general in nature, like "can you think what they could be talking about?" Dallas should have been able to come up with some current known threats against President Kennedy.

In this regard the records provided on Norman Lee Elkins are entirely inadequate and do not begin to reflect what I know has to be in the files of the Dallas Field Office because of what I have obtained from the National Archives.

There is an addendum on page 2. In the last sentence with regard to Loran, Eugene Hall, here spelled Loren instead of Loran, there is a claim to (b)(7)(C) exemption with regard to Hall.

It is entirely improbable, if not in fact impossible, for there to be any possibility of making a privacy claim with regard to Hall after all the attention he has sought and the greater attention he has received. Parenthetically, the second paragraph of the addendum supports Hall's statements to me, including that he was arrested in Dallas in October 1963; the FBI had talked to him.